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Statement of Relevancy

US '434 describes epitaxial tabular grains having silver halide epitaxial portions only on six apex portions thereof. However, US '434 does not describe face index of the outer surface of the epitaxial portion that is specified as one of the requirements of the present application (Our ref: 03S0496).

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